

## Our Railroad.

In another column of this issue will be found an order of the County Court, authorizing the voters of the county to vote on the question whether they will authorize the subscription of Fifty Thousand Dollars on the part of the county to the Weston and Clarksburg Railroad Company.

We have every assurance that if the subscription on the part of the county is authorized by the voters on the 21st of April, that the balance of the money necessary to build the Road will be raised, and that the work will be commenced early this summer.

There should be a unanimous vote for it. The amount is very small for the county, and will no doubt prove to be a paying investment.

## A Slight Mistake.

Our neighbor of the Clarksburg Telegram has allowed some malicious to lead him astray in reference to the management of the Asylum; and among the many errors we notice in a late article from that paper on this subject, he charges that the Directors and Superintendent recommended the purchase of the Boggs property at the enormous price of Eighty Thousand Dollars. If the editor of the Telegram had taken the trouble to examine the report of the Board, instead of placing such implicit confidence in his informant, he would have found that thirty-five hundred (\$3,500) was the amount asked by Boggs, and the amount recommended to be paid, and not eighty thousand dollars, as he states.

It is strange, but unfortunately true, that we have in our midst some persons that are constantly, and more especially upon the assembling of the Legislature, circulating by letters and otherwise, infamous falsehoods about the management of this Institution. Our Delegate, who has labored hard during the whole session to secure an appropriation, says that most of his time has been taken up in refuting out and refuting these slanderous reports; and that if an appropriation should fail, it will be owing to the course pursued by our rule or ruin motto gentlemen.

## The Radical Scandal.

Several days ago the Legislature appointed a committee to investigate certain charges against the Auditor and Treasurer in reference to the loaning of the State funds.

The testimony taken by the Committee has not yet been made public, but we are assured that the great scandal the Radical Campbell hoped to raise, is likely to turn out to be a very small affair. The present Auditor and Treasurer have in the four years they have been in office, paid into the treasury on account of interest on loans, nearly thirty thousand dollars, while the Republicans, during the 11 years they were in power, did not pay in thirty cents from this source. Nor did the Republican Legislature ever inquire what became of this interest.

The Democratic party demands that all public officers should be strictly honest in all their official acts. The Democratic Legislature is reflecting the will of the people in making this investigation; and if it should be ascertained that any of the parties have acted improperly, the party demands that they should be punished.

The Republican party while in power would not make any such investigations, but on the contrary, when a Democrat demanded certain charges against the notorious Nat Harrison should be investigated, he was kicked out of the hall of the Legislature. This was the way the Republicans investigated frauds in their party.

## Hon. W. V. Chidester.

We hear the most flattering accounts from our able representative at Charleston. Called as he was from his farm to his present position, it was but natural to think he would be at a loss how to push forward the various claims which interest our country. But from accounts given by those who visited Charleston this winter, of the manner of Mr. Chidester's mode of doing business, it is not strange that he is so popular and so successful. He is always kind, gentlemanly and polite, and at the same time he is an earnest, bold and frank worker. No one who knows him undertakes to bribe or ask him to do a thing that is not strictly proper. He is known as one of the straight forward men, and he has deservedly given tone and standing to our country. We are informed that he not only met all the various malicious falsehoods that went from this town, our Hospital would have almost been torn asunder. He has succeeded in getting an appropriation bill of \$125,000 reported favorably by the joint committee of both houses, and has done all that a man could. If it is lost it is said that our town and county has no one to blame but certain parties who made it their object to vilify and traduce the management of the public buildings situated at this place. When will our people learn wisdom?

## Complimentary.

**Editors Democrat.**  
I was informed by a gentleman who was at Charleston, that among the efficient workers for the interest of our town and county, we one labors more incessantly than James W. Wolfindin. The malignity with which our public institution has been assailed, and the various falsehoods that have been set afloat, may cause us to lose an appropriation; but I am happy to know that Mr. Wolfindin has been stirring in his efforts to correct the feelings brought about by our own people against our country.

Weston, Feb. 25.

## The Arkansas Matter.

The extraordinary message which President Grant sent to the United States Senate in relation to Arkansas affairs has surprised even the most unscrupulous of its supporters, and it has been freely intimated that when he signed it there may have been circumstances, so as to speak, which prevented him from exercising the deliberation and caution which should govern his action upon so important a measure. But we doubt if he ever signed his name to any document which gave more full expression to his deliberate meaning than that sent to the Senate on Monday.

There is one very significant sentence in this message. "I earnestly ask," he says, "that Congress will take definite action in the matter to relieve the Executive from acting upon the questions which should be decided by the legislative branch of the Government." This is simply a threat that if Congress does not pass a prohibitory law to restrain him from committing an act he has no authority whatever to commit, he will overthrow another State Government by military force, and then lay all the responsibility upon Congress, as he has done in the Louisiana case.

## What is There to Prevent?

"Also," asks President Grant, in his message transmitted to Congress on the 6th inst. "What is there to prevent each of the States recently readmitted to Federal relations on certain conditions from changing their constitutions and violating their pledges if this action in Arkansas is acquiesced in?"

What is there to prevent a State from changing its Constitution? Nothing we should say, absolutely nothing, if the required majority, proceeding in the constitutional way, see fit to change it.

Does the President propose that the United States shall interfere and prevent States from changing their constitutions? He evidently does mean this? His language does not admit of any other construction.

We do not understand that the readmitted States are in a different situation from the other States as regards their right to change their constitutions. They have not entered into a compact to preserve their constitutions intact and unchanged forever. Such a compact would be at variance with our government. Provided, only, that they retain the Republican form they can make as many alterations as they please.

We have never before had a man in the White House who seemed to understand so very little of the structure and principles of the government which he was trying to administer, as General Grant.

## Our Next Senator.

Hon. Allen T. Caperton has finally, in a vote of 68 to 14, been elected by the Legislature to serve in the Senate of the United States from West Virginia, for six years from the fourth of March, 1875. This result has been accomplished after a long and tedious fight, which has caused considerable impatience and much anxiety, lest the session should end, and the whole period be frittered away without anything being effected. But the Legislature has fully redeemed itself and a choice has been made which meets with universal approbation.

Mr. Caperton is about sixty-five years of age, and of distinguished and commanding appearance. Formerly he was a member of the old Whig party, and for a considerable period of time, served with that party in the legislature of Virginia. When secession was first broached, he was, we believe, numbered among its opponents, but when the Old Dominion withdrew from the Union, he followed her fortunes, and served with credit in the Senate of the Confederate States.

The war over, he returned to his home in this newly created State, and, retiring from public life, devoted his entire energies towards advancing her material prosperity. But, from this time, his political affinities and sympathies were cordially and devotedly connected with the Democracy.

He goes to the Senate, then, with every qualification requisite. He is a gentleman of intelligence, culture, experience and large wealth, with every personal interest firmly bound up in that of the State which now honors him. And, in addition to these high recommendations, there is still another probably higher than all the rest, and that is, that during the whole course of his life, public as well as private, not a stain rests upon his reputation.

Taking all these points into consideration then, the Legislature has not only done itself credit by its choice, but has likewise ensured honor and credit to the State at large.—*Wheeling Register.*

## Speech of Hon. H. G. Davis.

We present to our readers the speech delivered by Mr. Davis in the Senate of the United States on the 9th ult., the occasion being the presentation of the resolutions of the Legislature of this State, condemning Grant's action in the Louisiana matter. The remarks were brief, but to the point:

Mr. President, I believe the sentiments expressed in the resolution just read are endorsed by fully three-fourths of the people of West Virginia and the country at large.

Sentators, think of it! A Legislature lawfully elected by a large majority of the people of a State meet at the place and time required by law, are engaged in a peaceable, quiet, proper, and legal way attending to the duties assigned them by the constitution and laws of their State, when, by order of a usurping governor, United States troops are marched into the legislative hall and a portion of the members, by force, at the point of the bayonet, taken from their seats so that the political complexion of the house shall be changed.

The members forced out were elected by large majorities—some of them

by one thousand or more. There was no legal protest against their occupying seats; there was no one contesting their right to them. And all this is done by United States troops acting under the order of a man calling himself governor, who had usurped the office under the protection of a portion of the armed force of the United States acting under the midnight illegal order of a corrupt Federal Judge. When you consider the midnight order of Judge Durell, and the spectacle of United States troops overthrowing one State government and installing another, and, at a later date, the same troops, by order of the same *de facto* usurping governor, force from their seats enough members of a State Legislature to change its political complexion, surely there is no parallel in history, certainly not in a time of peace and under a republican form of government.

For the outrages committed by Kellogg and the Army of the United States in Louisiana the President and his Cabinet are responsible to the people of this country. Cabinet officers Williams and Belknap have each, in the name of the President, endorsed by telegraph the acts committed in Louisiana by Kellogg, Durell, and the Army.

The people of West Virginia, whose coat of arms bear the motto, "Montani Semper Liberi," could not do more or less than respectfully, yet firmly and strongly, enter their protest against the use of the Federal Army in any State in such a manner as has more than once occurred in Louisiana.

Mr. President, I cannot imagine a more dishonorable act that an officer or representative of the people could engage in, than to traduce and abuse the people who elected and trusted him to protect and defend their good name and interest. In my opinion the man who abuses a trust and misrepresents a helpless people who have confided in him is indeed a bad and an unworthy man.

The resolutions I present are respectful and to the point. I fully endorse them, and have placed them on the records of this Senate so that West Virginia's protest, with that of other States, may appear in perpetual remembrance against the acts of the Administration in Louisiana in overturning a State government and interfering with a State Legislature by an armed force for political gain.

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At a County Court held for the county of Harrison, on the 11th day of February, 1875. It was suggested that no meeting of the Directors or Stockholders of the Weston and Fairmont Turnpike Company has been held for some years past, and that the affairs of said company require that such meeting should be held.

It is ordered that a meeting of the Stockholders of said road be held at the Court House in Clarksburg, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1875; and that the Clerk of this Court publish a copy of this order for four weeks in the WESTON DEMOCRAT, Clarksburg Telegram and Fairmont Index.

A Copy Teste: JAMES H. TAYLOR, Clerk. March 1, 1874.

State of West Virginia.

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, on the last Monday in February, 1875.

George H. Bosley plaintiff, vs. George W. Cunningham, defendant.

In CHANCERY. The object of this suit is to recover of the defendant \$265, with interest from the first day of October, 1873, and the costs of this suit, and to subject to the payment thereof, the undivided interest of the defendant in two tracts of land in said county, of which William Perry Cunningham died seized, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendant is a non-resident of this State, and is not appearing, it is ordered that he do appear at rules to be held in the Clerk's office of said Court on the first Monday in April next, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

Teste: W. H. BYRNE, Clerk. H. Brannon p q march 1-4

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Weston, Lewis county, Feb. 25, 1875.

To Frederick Fouse.

You are hereby notified, that in pursuance of a decree of the County Court of Lewis county, rendered on the 17th day of February, 1875, recommitting the report heretofore made by the undersigned Commissioner, under a former decree of said Court, entered on the 10th day of April, 1874, I have fixed upon the 23d day of March, 1875, to examine anew into the matters heretofore reported on by me, in the chancery cause wherein White & Stankner, and D. O'Kelly are plaintiffs and you are defendant, and restate the account then made and make report thereof, and also to ascertain and report the exact quantity of the tract of land owned by you on Leaning Creek, accompanied with a plat thereof, showing what portion of said tract of land has been sold, and to whom, with the date of such sale. And if required by any of the parties to said suit, to have the unsold portion of said tract of land, subdivided into smaller tracts, and show the same on said plat. At which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

E. S. BLAND, Commissioner. march 1-4

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State of West Virginia to wit: At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lewis county on the first Monday in February 1875.

J. F. W. Holt,

Lewis Snyder's Administrator, Heirs, &c., vs. CHANCERY, UPON A BILL OF REVIVOR.

The object of this suit is to subject to sale a tract of 256 acres of land situate in the county of Lewis on the Little Kanawha River, sold by William B. McCartney to Lewis Snyder, for the payment of the purchase money due thereon. And it appearing by affidavit filed that A. H. Cunningham and Amanda Jane, his wife, defendants, are non-residents of this State, and they not appearing, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interests herein.

A Copy Teste: W. H. BYRNE, Clerk. W. E. Lively, p q feb 8-4-w

LAND SALES.

Under decree of the Circuit Court of Gilmer county in the case of Bland and Talbot against Cabell, Taverner's, executrix and heirs, I will sell lands belonging to said Taverner's estate, at public auction, as follows:

On the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of Upshur county, being the 22d of March, 1875, at the Court House thereof, a large quantity of

LANDS

divided into lots suitable for settlement, on the head waters of Kanawha river, in Upshur county.

This will be a good opportunity for persons of limited means to procure homes.

Also on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of Gilmer county, being the 11th of March, 1875, at the Court House thereof, two tracts, one of

521 ACRES,

the other

563 ACRES,

on Ellis Fork of Sand Fork of Kanawha river, being lots 1 and 15 out of the James Welch survey, also

100 ACRES and 200 ACRES

on Sugar Creek, in Gilmer county.

And on the first day of the April term of the county court of Lewis county, being the 5th of April, 1875, at the court House thereof,

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HENRY BRANNON, Commissioner.

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Morgantown, Aug. 29, 1874.

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LAND SALE.

Exchange Bank of Virginia vs. Robert Gibson, et al.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Braxton county, rendered at its August term, 1874, the undersigned Commissioner, will proceed, at the front door of the Court House of said county, on the first day of the March term, 1875, of the Circuit Court of said county, to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the Robert Gibson farm, lying on Salt Lick, in said county, containing about

230 ACRES.

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W. G. BENNETT, Commissioner.

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